

Empower Eau Claire: Participatory Budgeting

Steering Committee Workshop #10 Minutes

Where: City Hall North Conference Room

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Attendance: Susan Wolfgram, Karen Petersin (virtual), Pakou Thao, Kenny Tubwell (virtual), Jacksen Wolff, and Mai Xiong (SC members); Scott Allen, Taylor Graybehl, Billie Hufford, and Ned Noel (Staff).

Agenda:

1) Review Schedule

Staff noted the voting ballot needs to be ready and live by April 26th. Stanford University staff need 7-10 business days to add Hmong translations to ballot.

2) Review Project Recommendations

The committee reviewed proposals and answered questions.

3) Approve Projects on the Ballot

Mr. Wolff motioned to approve the ballot as recommended. Seconded by Ms. Wolfgram and the motion carried unanimously.

4) Amend Rulebook to Fund any Remaining Projects

Mr. Wolff motioned to amend the rulebook to allow remaining funds to partially fund the next winning project(s). Seconded by Ms. Pakou and the motion carried unanimously.

5) Recommendation on Program Budget

Mr. Wolff motioned to recommend increasing annual funding to \$150,000. Seconded by Ms. Pakou and the motion carried unanimously.

6) Voting and Outreach Updates

The committee reviewed various progress updates on outreach and voting activities.

7) Evaluation

UWEC is unable to assist without a larger budget. The ballot could have a survey at the end to ask some evaluation questions.

8) Next Steps

Reviewed next few weeks and put out a call for volunteers.